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SUBJ: GATT TOKYO MINISTERIAL MEETING ON MULTILATERAL TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 159293

1. THE PRINCIPAL AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE THE HONORABLE
J.F. CAIRNS, MINISTER FOR OVERSEAS TRADE AND MINISTER FOR
SECONDARY INDUSTRY. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE FOLLOWING
OFFICIALS OF THE GOA:

A. H.E. MR. G. WARWICK SMITH, AMBASSADOR, SPECIAL TRADE
REPRESENTATIVE.

B. F.C. PRYOR, SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF SECOND INDUSTRY.

C. DR. S.F. HARRIS, DEPUTY SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS
TRADE.

D. J.C. TAYLOR, FIKST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF
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THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET.

E. F.M. COLLINS, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF
PRIMARY INDUSTRY.

F. G. J. HALL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, INTERNATIONAL TRADE
ORGANISATIONS DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE.

G. G.R. BENNETT, ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY, POLICY DIVISION,
DEPARTMENT OF SECONDARY INDUSTRY.

H. D. SPENCER, TRADE POLICY OFFICER, INTERNATIONAL TRADE
ORGANISATIONS DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE.

2. WITH REGARD TO ISSUES GOA IS LIKELY TO RAISE THE FOLLOWING
IS A VERBATIM QUOTE FROM A LETTER ON THIS
SUBJECT RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY AUGUST 27: BEGIN QUOTE.
AT THIS STATE IT APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION
WILL BE RAISING ANY NEW ISSUES IN THE PLENARY SESSIONS OF
THE CONFERENCE. WE DO, HOWEVER, ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO INFORMAL
UNDERSTANDINGS BEING REACHED IN TOKYO IN REGARD TO THE
SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. IN THIS REGARD WE
BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM
"LIKE-MINDED" DELEGATIONS - THE UNITED STATES, CANADA,
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND - WERE TO HAVE AN INFORMAL MEETING ON
TUESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER. WHILE OUR OWN PREFERENCE WOULD BE FOR
A MEETING ON THE TUESDAY AFTERNOON WE REALISE THAT THE U.S.
DELEGATION WILL DOUBTLESS ALSO BE ARRANGING SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS
WITH OFFICIALS FROM THE EEC, JAPAN AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
AROUND THAT TIME. WE WOULD, THEREFORE, WELCOME AN EARLY INDICATION
OF YOUR DELEGATION'S REACTION TO OUR PROPOSAL. WE HAVE IN MIND
THAT A PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF SUCH INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS IN TOKYO
WOULD BE TO CONSIDER THE APPROACH FOR THE INITIAL MEETING OF THE
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE. IN OUR VIEW THIS COMMITTEE SHOULD
MEET FOR UP TO TWO WEEKS, COMMENCING AROUND 30TH OCTOBER, TO
CONSIDER A SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA RELATING TO THE ORGANISATION OF
THE NEGOTIATIONS. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS
COMMITTEE AT ITS FIRST MEETING WILL MOVE BEYOND THE STAGE OF
SIMPLY ESTABLISHING SUB-GROUPS AND THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE
(OTHERWISE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE EFFECTIVELY
DEFERRED UNTIL THE NEXT YEAR). WE BELIEVE THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS
COMMITTEE SHOULD ALSO ENDEAVOUR AT ITS FIRST MEETING TO AGREE
ON THE DETAILED WORK PROGRAMME OF EACH OF ITS SUB-GROUPS. OUR
TOKYO DELEGATION WILL ELABORATE IN GREATER DETAIL OUR VIEWS ON
THESE POINTS IN THE COURSE OF THE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS PROPOSED
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ABOVE. END QUOTE.

3. AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE TOKYO AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER
9. IT WILL BE STAYING AT HOTEL OKURA.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF DEPARTMENT'S
REACTION TO AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL FOR INFORMAL MEETING ON
SEPTEMBER 11 IN ORDER THAT GOA MAY BE NOTIFIED AS REQUESTED.

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